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Docket No. 24180-910000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of Schaefer, et al.

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Appln. No.: 10/664,491

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Filed: September 17, 2003
For: **Multilayer Heat Sealant
Structures, Packages and Methods
of Making the Same**

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Examiner: S. Nolan

) December 10, 2004
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Group Art Unit: 1772

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004, requiring a restriction election under 35 U.S.C. §121.

The Office Action states that the pending claims comprise the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-23, drawn to laminates, classified in class 428, subclass 35.7.
- II. Claims 24-33, drawn to methods of making laminates, classified in class 156, subclass (unknown).

The Office Action also states that the application contains claims to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention.

A- the laminates and processes using non-metallized layers (claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-23 of Group I and claims 24 and 26-33 of Group II);

B- the laminates and processes using metallized layers (claims 3 and 14 of Group I and claim 25 of Group II).

ELECTION

In compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, drawn to laminates (Claims 1-23). Applicants also elect to prosecute the species drawn to metallized layers of the claims of Group I (Claims 3 and 14). Applicants' election is not to be construed as an admission that Applicants believe any embodiment set forth in the above-identified application is obvious over any other embodiment set forth in the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected embodiment in divisional or other continuation application.

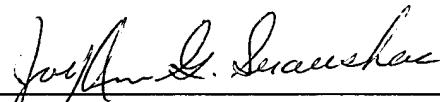
CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that this application is in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested.

Date: December 10, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

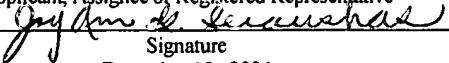
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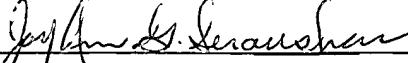
Transmitted herewith is the Response to Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated November 12, 2004.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish a small entry status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A request for a ____-month extension of time is enclosed.
 No additional claim fee is required.
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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 I hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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